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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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ANDREOLI, et al.	)	Parent Group Art Unit: 1651
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Parent Serial No.: 09/899,607	)	Parent Examiner: D. Naff
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Parent application Filed: July 5, 2001	)	
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For: <b>LOW FLUORESCENCE NYLON/GLASS</b>	)	
<b>COMPOSITES FOR</b>	)	
<b>MICRO-ANALYTICAL</b>	)	
<b>DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS</b>	)	

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-mentioned application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, following the heading, Related Applications, please insert the following sentence:

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/899,607, filed July 5, 2001.

Enclosed herewith is a substitute specification of the original application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b). Please find enclosed a clean version and a marked up version attached hereto.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace Figure 6 with new Figures 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D, attached herewith.

Please replace Figure 7 with new Figures 7A, 7B, 7C, and 7D, attached herewith. A copy of the replacement drawings is concurrently sent to the draftsman herewith.